

Community News

Local man arrested on drug charges

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

A Goodman Community man has been arrested on drug charges and also faces charges in connection with possession of explosives and an illegal firearm.

Tony Russell Barefoot, 41, of 1871 Coffee County Road 606 has been charged with possession of methamphetamines and trafficking methamphetamine. Bond was set at \$50,000. He has also been charged with criminal possession of an explosive device and of a short-barreled rifle. Bonds for those offenses have been set at \$10,000 each.

The explosive device was found

during the search of the property and vehicles belonging to Barefoot. It was later determined to be harmless in the state it was found.

The Coffee County Sheriff's Department had originally been investigating Barefoot after he was thought to have illegal firearms in his possession. They did find the sawed-off weapon during the course of a search performed last Thursday. Barefoot had given his consent to the search.

In searching the home, authorities discovered the finished product methamphetamine. In addition to the finished product, they found chemicals and other components required to manufacture methamphetamine.

Assisting the sheriff's department in the investigation and search were members of the Enterprise Police Department and the 12th Judicial Circuit Drug Task Force.

Trafficking methamphetamine is a Class A felony and carries—upon the first conviction—a mandatory penalty of at least 25 years in jail, up to and including life without parole. It also carries a fine of no less than \$50,000 and no more than \$500,000.

The possession of a short-barreled rifle and possession of an explosive device are both Class C felonies and each carry a minimum sentence of not less than one year and up to ten years in prison.

You are invited to the
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including: Service, Health, Representative, Police, Local and County Officials, Members of the Regional Planning Commission, and representatives from the Council on Aging and the Senior Center.

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EHS students may retake portions of the graduation exam

Any Elba High School student who was an eleventh grader in March of 2000 and did not pass the reading and/or language portions of the Alabama High School Graduation Exam may retake this test during the Aug. 1-2 test administration. For more information, please contact Harriette Boyd at Elba City Schools at 897-2801.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

The City of Elba is seeking applications from individuals who are interested in the position of Animal Control Officer. The position involves field, minor administrative and custodial work in enforcing ordinances relating to animals and their care. The work involves responsibility for operating and maintaining the city animal shelter. It also involves responsibility for catching and confining stray, diseased or injured animals and the final disposition of them. A very special fortitude is required for some of these required dispositions. The officer must investigate complaints, complete police offense reports and swear out warrants when necessary to enforce the ordinance.

Applicants must have:

- Considerable knowledge of human animal collection, care and disposal methods and practices.
- Working knowledge of the City animal control ordinance.
- Ability to deal courteously and fairly with the general public.
- Ability to operate a light truck.
- Working knowledge of the geography of the city.
- Ability to humanely apprehend animals, including some of a vicious nature.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Graduation from high school or equivalent.
- Experience involving, meeting and dealing with the public.
- Experience in the care of animals to clearly demonstrate that an applicant is qualified to carry out the responsibilities of this position.

- A valid Alabama driver's license with a clear MVR.
- Selected applicant must be able to report for work within twenty (20) minutes of being called.
- Starting salary is negotiable depending upon experience. Applicant is subject to both drug screening and background check.

This position will be filled mid to late August, 2000.

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CBOE

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Lawrence, 4th grade teacher. Support employee Tammy Brooks - school nurse. Professional employee Edith Nelson - social studies teacher. Trustee/landscaper. Support employee Shannon Nelson - spec ed aide.

Dress cool to beat the heat this summer

by Angela Hughes
County Extension Agent

With the heat as it's been this summer, our clothing can help or hinder our overall temperature. The way we dress makes a difference in the way we feel and work. Garment design, fabric content and construction, color and accessories can all significantly affect comfort. Select clothing that allows your body heat to escape. Garment design is a major determinant in reduction of body heat. Select clothing that is loose fitting, so that heat can escape and air can circulate.

Fabric construction should also allow body heat to escape. Look carefully at the weave or knit and the weight of the fabric. You will feel cooler if your body moisture is absorbed. A fabric that absorbs perspiration and allows it to evaporate is cooler.

White or light colors reflect the sun's rays, while black and other dark colors absorb the sun's rays. Select accessories that are light colored, looser and smaller. Also, clean clothing is cooler than soiled clothing. Body oils and dirt can clog the fibers and fill up spaces, preventing ventilation.

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Coffee County Heritage committee still accepting family histories

The next meeting of the Coffee County Heritage Committee will be Thursday, July 20, at 4:00 p.m. at the Log Cabin Welcome Center on the Enterprise By-pass. Interested persons are invited to attend. Deadlines are drawing near, but the Committee is still accepting articles on families of Coffee County which are being compiled and will soon be published as The Heritage of Coffee County of 67 books featuring the families of Alabama.

The Heritage Committee of Coffee County encourages you to write your own family history and your community history to be published in this book. This is a perfect opportunity to have your family history published at no cost to you. Coffee County families are asked to submit condensed family histories and copies of old family photos as well as articles about what life was like in Coffee County in years gone by. It is the desire of the committee that all early Coffee County families be included in this book, but it is up to individual families to write their own histories. You do not write your own family history. It probably will not be included in the book.

Questions may be addressed to Anne Hood at 897-5852, Lavinia Helms at 347-6150, Marion Brunson at 897-2427, Peggy Stroud at 897-2847, Phyllis Maddox at 897-5550, or Lanelle Hundley at 347-1356. Books may be ordered or questions answered by writing to the following address: Coffee County Heritage Book Committee, P.O. Box 310654, Enterprise, Alabama 36531. Pre-publication price of these books is \$59 (includes sales tax and mailing costs).

Collis Ray Wise Family
The Wise, Prescott, Cain, Brooks, Williams, Chapman, and Hulsead families were among the first pioneers to settle Coffee County. Some were in the area before it was known as Coffee County, before the Indians had been removed, even

before land was available for purchase. They were the ancestors of Collis Wise and Nellie Brooks, both born in the Victoria Community, Collis Ray Wise (16 Nov. 1896-31 Jan. 1980) was the oldest of eight children born to Jesse Virgil Wise and Lucy Ella Chapman. Nellie Lucy Brooks (20 June 1895-1 July 1978) was the fourth of six children born to Julian F. Brooks and Nancy Baker.

Collis and Nellie married in Victoria on 27 April 1913. She was 17 years old; he was 16. Their marriage lasted until her death 65 years later. They had nine children: Ernest Jerome, the first, died when five months old, probably infant death syndrome. The other eight children somehow survived life during the depression years and even World War II to raise families of their own.

1. Cubie Ree Wise (1916) married Mary Annie Shiver. Their three daughters are: Sue Carolyn, Brenda Kay, and Sheila Elaine Wise. Cubie is now married to Bernice Bush and lives in Jay, Florida.
2. Claradell Wise (1918) married Amos Nixon. Their three sons are: Gerald Ray "Jett", Ronald Lee, and Daryl Ernest Nixon. Claradell later married Dennis Renka. She died in 1987 and is buried in Park Hill Cemetery, Columbus, Georgia.
3. Cletus Dalton Wise (1921) joined the Army, serving overseas during WWII. After the war he married Myrlene Martin; their one daughter is Cletus Anne Wise. Cletus died in 1981 and is buried in Victoria Cemetery.
4. Hubert N. Wise (1923) joined

the Navy and served during WWII. He married Doris Miller; their two children are Linda and David Wise. Hubert later married Helen Rackard. He died in 1998 and is buried in Victoria Cemetery.

5. Ellowayne Wise (1926) married Milfred Head; their two daughters are: Sandra Jane and Nancy Elaine Head. Milfred and Ellowayne live in Victoria.

6. James Harold Wise (1929) married Evelyn Marler; they have two sons: Gerald Glenn and Brent James Wise. Harold and Myrtle live in Phenix City, Alabama.

7. Mary Nell Wise (1932) married Harold Martin Blanton; their two sons are: Ernest Jerome and Thomas Charles Blanton. Mary Nell is now married to Bob Herrington and lives in Phenix City, Alabama.

8. Nancy Pauline Wise (1934) married Anthony D'Amico and lived in Miami, Florida; their three children are: Thomas Michael, Angela, and Timothy Ray D'Amico. Pauline now lives in Georgia beside Lake Lanoka.

Collis and Nellie lived all their married lives in Victoria. Collis was a farmer who later in life worked part-time with the Coffee County ASC, measuring land acreage for farmers. He was a member of Pen River Masonic Lodge as were his father and grandfather.

Nellie was a homemaker like most women during those days. While raising a large family during the depression years, she developed the art of taking a little food and feeding many. She was never caught off guard when visitors arrived just in time for dinner. Her grandchildren always enjoyed exploring Mamma Wise's kitchen and safe for left-over "cat-eye" biscuits, just perfect for dozing a hole with your finger and filling with syrup. There was usually a pan of baked sweet potatoes and maybe a plate of fried pie pies if you were lucky.

For many years they lived on a farm south of Victoria. The little road which led through the woods

to the house was passable in dry weather, but visitors caught during a rainy spell might as well plan to stay the night. If they made it to the main road, which at that time was unimproved, they probably would not get very far up the red-clay hill toward Victoria. And the road to Mixson's Cross Roads was even worse. Either way, unless a tractor was handy, they usually had to leave the car, walk home in the rain, and come back for the car.

Although it was located in the backwoods, their home was one of the first in Victoria to have a television set (in the 1950's). Family and friends would gather to watch favorite programs, but the first sound of thunder sent everyone scurrying for home.

After Collis and Nellie left the farm and moved to "downtown" Victoria (about 1957), they had one of the first vapor lights in the community. Just like magic, it came on in the dark and turned itself off at daylight. One night while the adults were inside the house, one of the grandchildren, playing in the yard threw a fire-cracker high into the sky. When it exploded, Papa Wise's new vapor light automatically went out! ... But it soon came back on, relieving some very nervous grandchildren.

A family gathering during the summer time always meant homemade ice cream, three or four freezers of chocolate and vanilla. There were electric ice cream freezers, just the old hand-cranked variety. The grandchildren competed for the privilege of sitting on the steady during the final moments of freezing, always hoping to be chosen to lick one of the dashers.

Collis and Nellie were active members of Victoria Baptist Church and are now buried in the cemetery located behind the church they loved so well. They enjoyed Sacred Harp and Seven-string music and participated in singings held in churches all across Coffee County. Collis and Nellie didn't leave a lot of material possessions for their children and grandchildren, but they left a legacy that was rich in love; love for God and Jesus, love for family, and love for fellow man.

Submitted by: Ellowayne Wise Head (daughter of Collis and Nellie Wise)

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The annual meeting of the **COFFEE COUNTY FARMERS FEDERATION** will be held on **FRIDAY, JULY 21, 2000 at 6:30 p.m.** at The Elba High School Auditorium.

THE COFFEE COUNTY MISS AGRICULTURE PAGEANT and **COFFEE COUNTY TALENT FIND** will be held at this same time. There will be **ENTERTAINMENT and DOOR PRIZES.** ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

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County looking at garbage options

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The Coffee County Commission met in regular bi-monthly session Monday with bid openings consuming most of the meeting time.

The first order of business was to open the bids submitted for the collection and disposal of the county's solid waste. There were two options bid by contractors. Option A included the monthly cost per resident with the contractor handling the billing and collection plus an annual cost for the collection of yard waste (trash). Option B was the monthly cost per resident with the county handling the billing and collection.

Companies submitting bids were as follows: Mark Dunning Industries, Inc., of Dothan - Option A: \$14.00 per month and \$120.00 annually for yard waste; Option B: \$15.99 per month.

BFI of Andalusia - Option A: \$13.96 per month and \$324.00 annually for yard waste; Option B: \$12.15 per month.

Arrow Disposal of Abbeville - Option A: \$13.75 per month and \$60.00 annually for yard waste; Option B: \$11.40 per month.

After reviewing the bids, the commission voted to table the matter until Tuesday. The commission reconvened to consider bids on garbage trucks from two vendors.

The commission reconvened on Tuesday and opened bids on garbage trucks from two vendors. Coffman International, Inc. of Dothan submitted a base bid of \$82,386.20 per unit with an alternate bid of \$86,040 per unit with additional options. Ingram Equipment Company of Birmingham bid \$74,865 per unit with an alternate optional unit bid at \$75,615.

Four bids on garbage containers (cans) which ranged from \$30 to \$41.60 each, were submitted. The low bid was submitted by Mark Dunning Industries of Dothan at \$30 per unit with a minimum purchase of 6,500 cans.

Later in the day, the commission voted to reject all the bids on the

trucks and garbage containers. They then voted to accept option B on the Mark Dunning Industries' bid which was \$10.50 per resident (charge to the county) with the county doing the billing and collection.

The commissioners voted to charge residential customers \$11.00 per month with the option for them to pay \$31.50 for three months or \$60.00 for six months.

The present contract on the county's garbage collection is up on Sept. 30, 2000.

The bid for the annual placement of bituminous surface treatment was awarded to S & C Materials & Paving of Troy. Their bid was 169¢ per square yard. County Engineer Randy Tindell reminded the commissioners that this bid is for labor and equipment only. The county will be providing the materials in each case.

Dr. James Paulk, chairman of the Coffee County Water Authority (CCWA), was invited by Commission Chairman Kayo Lewis to give the commission an update on the county water system.

"Since this drought, we all get numerous calls wanting to know when we're going to get county water," said Lewis.

Dr. Paulk told commissioners during a recent meeting with USDA - Rural Development officials they were presented with an operating budget which called for an adjustment to the proposed residential and commercial rates.

Originally, the board (CCWA) had proposed on their grant application an \$11 minimum monthly

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Ben Carpenter seeking re-election to District 4 Seat on Elba City Council

Ben Carpenter announces his candidacy for re-election to the District 4 Seat on the Elba City Council in the upcoming municipal election.

Carpenter is a native of Elba. He is self-employed as the owner of Old House Oyster Bar in Elba.

"There are a lot of issues that have to be addressed concerning Elba," said Carpenter. "I would like to have the privilege of representing the residents of District 4 and serving the people of Elba for another four years."

"During the past years, I have worked hard to see that the people of District 4 are fairly represented, and I have worked with the mayor and other members of the council to see that Elba moves forward. I want to continue to do so."

There are several projects that are underway in Elba which will



GROUND BREAKING for the new speculative industrial building in the Elba Industrial Park was held Tuesday morning. The City of Elba is constructing the building in hopes of attracting a new industrial prospect to the town. The city used an low interest loan from Alabama Electric Co-op (AEC) to finance the construction of the facility. Pictured above are city officials, members of the Elba Industrial Development Board, Senator Jimmy Holley and AEC representatives.

Elba BOE hires new staff members

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City School Board met Tuesday, July 20, with new Superintendent Danny Weeks giving the financial reports and recommendations for hiring of new staff members.

A review of the financial status of the school system indicates the schools will have to borrow money to finish out the fiscal year, as predicted earlier. The exact amount is still uncertain, but the board has already borrowed \$50,000 this year and approved up to \$75,000 in additional loans.

The financial reports show the Child Nutrition Program remains financially healthy, with the recommended safety net balance and funds to purchase food and supplies for the upcoming school year.

The board approved amending the 1999-2000 school budget to make some technical corrections where numbers had been placed in an incorrect category.

Personnel resigning were Jerome

Baxley, bus driver; Mandy Jelfcoat, Elementary teacher; and Sonya Wright, Elementary Aide. Retiring from the high school lunch room is Lavenia Bladsworth.

Weeks recommended the board grant a one year leave of absence for Gina Price to work with the Alabama Reading Initiative at Troy State, conducting In-Service classes for teachers. He also recommended a leave of absence for Teacher Aide Kay Farris to complete her degree.

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Elba City Council's meeting routine and to the point

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council members zipped through their prepared agenda Monday night without interruption, amending an ordinance awarding a contract on a new building, naming an election manager and poll workers for the upcoming municipal election and accepting the completed report from the Strategic Long Range Planning Committee.

The meeting opened with Police

Chief R. W. Whitworth reporting he has not yet received all the information and prices on video cameras for the patrol cars, as requested by Councilman Ben Carpenter. He expects to have this ready for the council within the near future.

Dick Cheney presented council members with a copy of the new Strategic Long Range Plan, which has been under development since

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Cal Donnia Howard enters District 3 city council race in New Brockton

Cal Donnia Howard, a resident of New Brockton, has announced her candidacy for the New Brockton City Council, District 3.

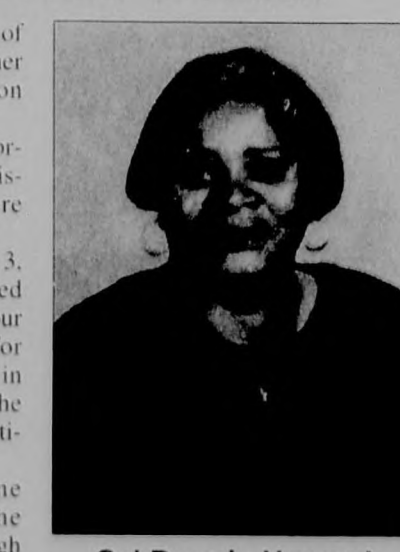
Howard said she is looking forward to serving the citizens of District 3. She believes that "where there is unity, there is strength."

"I elected to represent District 3. I will work with the other elected officials to do what is best for our town," she said. "I will work for and support the services that are in the best interest, not only for the citizens of District 3 but for all citizens."

Howard is the parent of one daughter, Brandi Howard. She attends New Brockton Junior High School.

Howard is a member of Greater Springfield Baptist Church where she serves as Program Chairman, Sunday School Teacher and a member of the Matron Department. Howard is also an active member of the McGhee Beauty Chapter #415 Order of Eastern Star and Ladies Aid Missionary Society #99, New Brockton, Ala.

Howard holds a Bachelor's degree from Alabama A & M University and a Master's degree from Alabama State University. In addition to Howard's religious membership



Cal Donnia Howard

and activities, she is a member of the national, state and local education association and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority.

Howard has been employed with the Elba City School System for the past 18 years.

"As a teacher, there is nothing more important than helping a child reach educational goals and objectives," she said. "As a council member, I will bring the same attitude to the New Brockton City Council."

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

AT&T Cable & Charter Communications have called off their proposal to swap some cable companies, including the Elba system. This means that for the foreseeable future, Elba cable TV users will continue to receive service from AT&T which completed the purchase of the system from TCI last year. The tax received in our office said the two companies "were unable to agree on the mix of assets and the values associated with those assets."

A number of people, concerned about the extreme dry weather, have commented that what we need is a good old fashioned hurricane. Folks, that is a little extreme. If you remember the damages done by those big hurricanes, hopefully you will reward your prayers. How about us wishing for the remnants (steady three hour soaking rain across the Wiregrass) of a small drying hurricane?

Right in the middle of our extreme dry weather conditions, the Wiregrass area is getting a little bit of rain. We actually saw some minor erosion in several freshly plowed fields on the outskirts of Enterprise Tuesday afternoon! Of course, the fields were freshly plowed because the dry weather had caused the spring crop planted in them to be a total or near total failure. Things are going to get better, they always do. However, we don't need the wind and lightning storms Hedy and I saw in Baldwin County last weekend or were reported from Birmingham the same afternoon.

Well, finally the last insurance claim we know of from the 1998 Elba flood has been paid. It took the intervention of the Alabama Emergency Management Agency and the National Flood Insurance Policy in Washington, but it was paid this week. We don't have the cash to operate 2 1/2 years awaiting insurance claims to be honored, and even though our relationship with the money lenders of this area is relatively good, we might not have been so fortunate as those who had to fight that battle all this time. It was a bit amusing to watch an adjuster who reportedly wouldn't even return phone calls to the insured nor his attorney, suddenly start hunting them up with apologies, once the big wheels began calling the adjuster's office with questions about the claim! It was also a bit alarming that during a phone call to our office from the National Flood Insurance Policy for dates and times of information relating to this claim, we noted that several other businesses had had trouble with this adjusting firm, and they guessed the name of the adjuster's firm without any hints from us. We laughed and asked some question and the lady said something like, "Oh, we have heard about them before." While we can see absolutely no excuse for jerking insured flood victims around like that, the positive side is the claims check has now been received.

Hopefully, Elba folks have written our congressional delegation urging them to be sure Elba's levee repair money is in the Energy and Water budget when it comes out of the Senate and that it stays there during conference with members of the House of Representatives. Don't feel guilty about requesting the \$12.7 million in funds. The authorization bill passed by congress last year contained the following: "When projects are completed, they make enormous contributions to America. The benefits derived from completed projects, in many instances, vastly exceed those contemplated during project development. In 1998, flood control projects prevented \$13,700,000,000 in damages." The money is authorized, there is a budget surplus, the project is necessary and practical, etc. so DO IT and do it this year!

The U.S. Congress is also working to eliminate the inheritance taxes completely. This creates mixed emotions in this corner. True, there needs to be some adjustments, as there are many, many Americans (even right here in Elba, Alabama) who don't act like it, maybe don't even realize it, but who will be considered millionaires when their estate goes to probate court. However, to completely do away with the tax is probably doing more than they can do... just as Bill Clinton says. We support a modified tax break, raising the exemption to several million, but not taking the cap off completely. The argument that the money is being taxed twice doesn't apply to the millions made (and held) by stock investors such as Bill Gates. These earnings should be taxed in some manner, just as that earned by the average American's is taxed. Gosh, we agreed with Clinton!

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of July 17, 2000 through July 23, 2000. They were: Tierney Foushee, Neil Clemmons, Earnest Ellison, Claudia Dudley, Geraldine Hudson, Bertha Coleman, James Clark, Lemon Rodger, Annie Williams, Ronnie Money, Hannah Barker, Ruth Harrelson, Ora Kelley, Renee Parrish, Rebecca Stinson, Mary Wright, Britanni Stokess, Coley Smith, John Williams, Hollis Wicker, Shirley Hudson, Damian Hudson, Verbie

Sasser and Linda Ellis. Persons discharged during the same time period were: Ida Mauldin, Tierney Foushee, Raeford Hodge, Travis Price, Winnie James, Tip Smart, Brenda Moore, Howard Harper, Annie Mae Johnson, Hannah Barker, Lemon Rodgers, Annie Williams, Ronnie Money, Shaca R. Parrish, Ora Kelley, John Williams, Earnest Ellison, Hollis Wicker, Coley Smith, Verbie Sasser, Ruth Harrelson, Mary Wright, Britanni Stokess, Linda Ellis, Shirley Hudson and Damian Hudson.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, July 17, 2000, investigated the following incidents: two harassments, one public intoxication, one disorderly conduct, one resisting arrest, three DUIs, one reckless endangerment, two thefts of property, one disorderly juvenile, one unsecured building, four assaults, three domestic disturbances, one possession of marijuana, one criminal mischief, one burglary, and one house fire.

The following arrests were made: two for failure to appear and one for possession of marijuana. Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: nine for violation of the seat belt law, two for an expired tag, thirteen for speeding, three for DUI, six for driver's license not in possession, four for driving while driver's license is suspended, one for driving while driver's license is revoked, one for no insurance, one for no flag, one for driver's license canceled, one for driver's view obstructed, one for violation of child restraint law, one for driving without first obtaining a driver's license and one for reckless driving.

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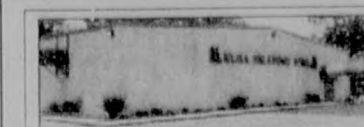
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- **ROTARY CLUB** - Tuesday @ Noon First First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
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- **ELBA CITY COUNCIL** - 2nd & 4th Mondays - 6 p.m. City Hall
- **WATER & ELECTRIC** - Tuesday following 2nd Monday 6 p.m. - City Hall
- **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** - Every Monday 2 p.m. - Elba United Methodist Church - enter on side on W. Davis St. Maggie Gant Classroom
- **COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION** - 2nd & 4th Mondays - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton
- **LIONS CLUB** - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center
- **ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD** - 1st Thurs. 7:30 p.m. - Supr. Office
- **AMERICAN LEGION** - 1st Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.
- **MASONIC LODGE** - 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month 7 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Masonic Lodge
- **BAND BOOSTERS** - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School
- **VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER** - Mon-Fri. 8-12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5858
- **COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN.** - 3rd Sat. - 5 p.m. Club House
- **COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN** - 3rd Wed. Noon - Colony Inn, Enterprise
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- **ZION CHAPEL CRIME WATCH** is First Thursday night, 7:00 p.m. of each month at the ZC Fire Department
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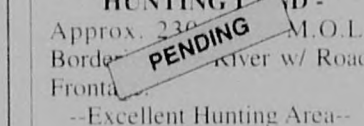
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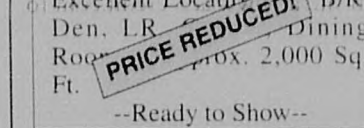
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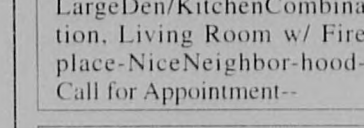
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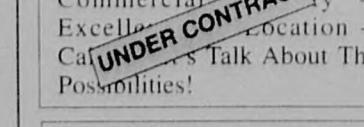
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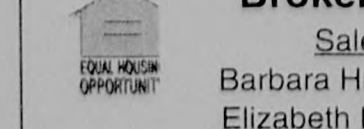
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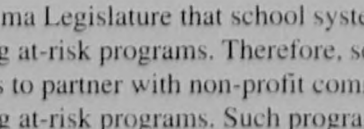
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Alabama legislature requires Local Education Authorities in Alabama to submit an at-risk plan to the State Superintendent of Education. Newly adopted legislation pertaining to students at risk reads as follows:

It is the intent of the Alabama Legislature that school systems involve the community in planning and implementing at-risk programs. Therefore, schools shall expend at least 20 percent of the at-risk funds to partner with non-profit community organizations in planning and implementing at-risk programs. Such programs may include, but not be limited to, Boys and Girls Clubs, YMCAs, 21st Century Leadership, and local civic and charitable organizations.

Elba City Schools, hereby issues a call to any organization that is interested in submitting a proposal to be considered for partnering with Elba City Schools in serving our at-risk students. Please call the Board Office at 334-897-2801 and speak to David Stokes or write to:

Elba City Schools
Community Agency At Risk Programs
131 Tiger Drive
Elba, AL 36323

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

Several state officials have recently bashed the assisted living industry in what appears to me to be a coordinated effort to help the nursing home industry.

If assisted living is an industry running wild, as recently reported in the news media, it is because these same state officials have not effectively directed their resources at proper enforcement of existing rules.

attended (as an observer) the two-day meeting in Montgomery last week on assisted living. At this meeting I was appalled when Rick Harris stated publicly that he had "an intense dislike for the Green Book." The Green Book, so-called

because of its cover, contains 54 pages of "Rules of... Assisted Living Facilities." As Director of the Bureau of Health Provider Standards at the Alabama Department of Public Health, Mr. Harris is responsible for enforcing the rules in this document.

These rules were first adopted by the Alabama Board of Health on November 20, 1991. They have been amended only once, on February 19, 1997.

With Harris' attitude toward the rules, it is no wonder he has not been enforcing them fairly and consistently. If assisted living is an industry running wild, Mr. Harris and his superiors are responsible. I believe State Health Officer

Don Williamson should transfer Mr. Harris to other, less responsible duties.
Governor Siegelman should insist on it.
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EXPRESS YOUR
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EDITOR

EMA Plans more outdoor warning sirens

The Choctawhatchee, Pea and Yellow Rivers Watershed Management Authority (CPYRWMA) recently approved, for the second time, a project application submitted by the Coffee County Emergency Management Agency.

The first project involved the purchasing of a warning siren for the City of Elba. The latest project specifically requested funding for the installation of an outdoor warning siren for the Zion Chapel Community.

The CPYRWMA approved partial funding for the siren with the remainder of the money coming from state and local sources. Once the siren is in place, hopefully within

the next 30-45 days, all county schools will be under the protective umbrella afforded by outdoor warning sirens.

According to John Tallis, director of Coffee County's EMA, the county still needs at least five (5) more sirens for the unincorporated areas and one more siren for the eastern section of Elba.

"We would like to site a siren at or near the Ino, Batts, Tru-Communities, Five Star and Goodman Volunteer Fire Departments," said Tallis.

The Coffee County EMA is pursuing any and all avenues, including contributions from individuals, to fund the needed sirens.

You Can Guard Against Credit Card Fraud

(NAPS)—Three billion dollars. That's how much credit card fraud costs American consumers and businesses each year.

Fortunately, there are things that you can do to protect yourself from credit card fraud, according to Associated Credit Bureaus, the trade association for the credit reporting industry, here are seven steps you can take.

- Never give out your Social Security number over the phone to someone you don't know.
- Always sign your credit cards as soon as you get them.
- Cut up your expired or canceled credit cards before you throw them out, and call the store or bank to notify it when you cancel an account.
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AREA DEATHS

ANNISSE COLEMAN

Mrs. Annisse Coleman, born Jan. 13, 1931, of Elba, Ala., died July 15, 2000.

Mrs. Coleman was a lifelong resident of Elba. She attended school in the Elba City School System and spent her last years of employment working with the school system before all health forced her to retire early.

Funeral services were held July 21, 2000 at Harris Temple Church of God in Christ of Elba with Pastor W.K. Ellison officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include her husband, Henry Coleman, Elba; two sons, Dewayne Caldwell (Denise), Troy, Nycoma Coleman (Michele), Elba; one daughter, Tamiko Coleman (Zachary), Columbus, Ga.; five brothers: Marion Parker (Lela), Enterprise, Theodis Beckwith and Michael Beckwith, all of Tampa, Fla.; three sisters: Irene Parker, Lake Wales, Fla.; Cynthia Beckwith and Sharon Knight, both of Tampa, Fla.; a sister-in-law, Mary Nell James, Elba; and several aunts, uncles and other relatives.

BETTY D. LEE

Mrs. Betty D. Lee, age 72, of Newton, Ala., died Saturday morning, July 15, 2000 at Dale Medical Center in Ozark following an extended illness.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, July 17, 2000 from the Chapel of Equus-Bankston Funeral Home with the Rev. Robert Smith officiating. Burial followed in Liberty Cemetery of Elba with Poque-Bankston Funeral Home of Ozark directing.

Survivors include one daughter, Linda Mauldin, Newton; two sons, Fred Lee, Dorthian, Wayne Lee, Newton; three sisters: Laura Kelley, Elba; Mellicie Janzen, Tulsa, Okla.; Mary Osteen, Miami, Fla.; one brother, Emmett Dewberry, Huntsville, Ala.; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Rev. Private officiating. Burial followed in Rose Mount Cemetery of Elizabeth, N.J. with Clifford N. Branch S.J. Funeral Services of Brooklyn, N.Y. directing.

Mr. Phillips was preceded in death by a daughter, Sherry Walker. Survivors include his mother, Mary Greene (Johnny), New York; his father, Farrell Phillips, New York; two brothers: Farrell "Tony" Phillips (Lisa), New Jersey and Jeffrey Phillips, New York; three sisters: Glenda, Kesha and Gayle Blue, all of New York; one daughter, Kishawna Phillips, Albany, N.Y.; his grandfather, Huey D. Williams, Ozark, Ala.; and many other relatives.

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Six months later, they sent another salesman to the region. This time, the salesman began to call in order after order. His supervisor asked, "How is it you are selling so many units where our previous man couldn't make a single sale?" The man replied, "I don't know. It's so hot here. Everybody could use a little cool air!"

Opportunity is nearly always related to one's perspective on a situation. The founders of the Southern Baptist Convention were honored with a plaque that was placed at the First Baptist Church of Augusta, Georgia where the convention was first organized in 1845. The plaque recognizes this approach to opportunity in describing the founding fathers as: "Men who see the invisible here the manly believe the incredible, and think the unthinkable." What a prelude to opportunity!

I challenge you to remember this truth as you are facing the circumstances of your life: A wise man will make more opportunity than he finds.

Pleasant Ridge Church to have old-fashioned gospel singing, Saturday, July 29

Pleasant Ridge Church, located in the Victoria Community, will have an old-fashioned gospel singing on Saturday, July 29, beginning at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Benefit Singing to be held for Norma Brand

There will be a Benefit Singing for Norma Brand at Minor Chapel, Hwy. 87, on Saturday, Aug. 5, at 7 p.m. The featured group will be "The Steady Standers." For more information, call (334) 566-1342.

Revival services planned at the College Street Assembly of God

Revival services will be held at the College Street Assembly of God Church on July 27-29. Services will begin at 7 p.m. each evening. Rev. Billy Cardwell from Grove Hill, Ala. will be the guest speaker.

Everyone is invited to attend. The church is located at 1506 West College Street, Enterprise.

Dorcas Baptist Church to hold Homecoming services August 6th

Dorcas Baptist Church of the Chestnut Grove community (Coffee County Road 110) will have Homecoming services Aug. 6. Pastor Donnie Marler will bring the message. There will be a singing at 2 p.m. with The Victory Road Quartet from Troy, Ala. Revival services will be held Aug. 7-11 at 7 p.m. each night with Rev. Alfred Knier, pastor of Woodland Grove Baptist Church, bringing the message. Ray Blair of Troy will be leading the music. A special invitation is extended to everyone to come and join in this time of worship.

Homecoming Services to be held at Shiloh Baptist Church

Shiloh Baptist Church will have Homecoming Services on Sunday, July 30, at 6 p.m. The featured group will be the Flint Hareless Family from Andalusia. Pastor Wayne Weiber and congregation welcome everyone to attend. Newbia Baptist Church is located on Coffee County Road 330, off Hwy. 189.

Newbia Baptist Church plans Gospel Singing

Newbia Baptist Church will host a gospel singing on Sunday, July 30, at 6 p.m. The featured group will be the Flint Hareless Family from Andalusia. Pastor Wayne Weiber and congregation welcome everyone to attend. Newbia Baptist Church is located on Coffee County Road 330, off Hwy. 189.

Annual business meeting held for Zoar Cemetery

The annual business meeting for Zoar Cemetery was held July 22 at 10 a.m. in the Zoar Holiness Church. A financial report was given and project work outlined for 2000-2001.

Anyone having loved ones or friends buried in Zoar Cemetery, who did not attend the meeting, is urged to contribute to the upkeep of the cemetery by personal and financial support.

Contributions may be made to the Zoar Cemetery Association, Inc. and can be mailed to the secretary, Jo Hyde, at 3631 County Road 306, Elba, AL 36523 and/or SouthTrust Bank, Elba, AL 36523. All assistance will be appreciated.

Round & About With Eria

Scripture: Ephesians 5:1-33

***Thinking of you, praying for you. The Phillips, Greene and Williams families, Wallace Belcher, Mattie Belcher, Love Hooks, Debra Hooks, Annie Williams, Versie Barnes, Ernest Ellison



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***More Than A Conqueror Music Ministry Presents: "Back To School Musical" July 31 - Aug. 2. Rehearsal will be a p.m. nightly with the concert being Aug. 3 at 6:30 p.m. at the Elba High School Auditorium. Minister Marvin D. Luckett Jr. and Evangelist Alekja J. Luckett will be the guest clinicians. There will be a \$5 registration fee for all participating choir members.

***Church League Co-ed Softball Tournament will be July 28-29 at Hawkins-Williams Park in Elba. There is a \$50 entry fee for all teams. The tournament is being sponsored by the Rocky Head Church Youth Group. 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place trophies will be given. Rules: 1. Must be at least four females in game at all times. 2. Hit your own balls must be MSP 47 core balls. 3. Double elimination. Contact Freddie Culver at 897-8216 or Calvin Carpenter at 897-6313.

***Back-to-School with Jesus Youth Rally to be held downtown Elba on the square Sunday, Aug. 6, at 6:30 p.m. Youth grades 7-12 interested in singing in a youth choir please meet at Rocky Head MB Church at 6 p.m. Tuesday night to rehearse. Although this is a youth praise service, all adults are asked to please come out and support the youth.

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LIFESTYLES

MaChis Lower Creek Indian Tribe to meet July 30th

The MaChis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama is having a meeting on Sunday, July 30, at the Tribal Office, 102 East McKinnon Street, New Brockton, at 2 p.m. The meeting is open to everyone. Please bring a chair.

Locklar Reunion planned for August 5th

The annual reunion for the descendants of Henry and Hattie Locklar will be Saturday, Aug. 5, in the Community Room of the Coffee County Farm Center in New Brockton. The reunion will begin at 10 a.m. Come early and visit with friends and relatives. Covered dish lunch at Noon. For more information, call Mamie Locklar at 894-5548.



Aiden Powell

Aiden Powell is one year old

Aiden Powell celebrated his first birthday on Saturday, June 24, with a "Winnie the Pooh" party. He enjoyed his party with several friends and family members.

Aiden is the son of Joey and Christy Powell of Enterprise. He is the grandson of Kenneth and Janice Suley, Bobby and Joan Knighten and Jerry and Charlotte Register, all of Elba, and Thomas and Linda Powell of Palmetto, Ga.

Aiden has a sister, Tristen, age 3.



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Taylor Reunion held at Orange Beach July 1 - 4

76 descendants of the late Bonnie and P.B. Taylor, lifetime Elba residents, celebrated a family reunion at Orange Beach, Ala., on July 1-4.

Four generations from eleven states were represented. Included were: the families of Elmer Taylor and Annie Laurie Wright of Elba.

Parker Reunion planned for August 11th

The descendants of Peter Parker (1786-1850, N.C.), the pioneer of the Parker families of Coffee County settling here in 1820 in the area of the present day Basin, are invited to a Reunion on Saturday, Aug. 19, at 11 a.m. at the Coffee County Farm Center. Everyone is asked to please bring a covered dish and/or beverage.

ESJC Community Band is open for fall membership

Enterprise State Junior College's Community Band is open for fall semester membership. This unique opportunity provides recreation through musical participation for those who have a background in instrumental music. Members must furnish their own instruments.

Through participation in the late Carlton Rhoades of Kinston, and Mr. and Mrs. Bowden Sessions of Samson.

She is a 1999 graduate of Kinston High School and attends LBW Community Band. She is currently employed in Opp.

The prospective groom is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hattaway of Opp and Dora Wall and the late Mr. and Mrs. Max Johnson, all of Pensacola, Fla.

He is a 1998 graduate of Opp High School and attends Douglas MacArthur State Technical College in Opp where he will graduate with a degree in drafting and design technology. He is currently employed in Opp.

The wedding is scheduled for six o'clock in the evening on Saturday, Sept. 16, 2000, at Ino Baptist Church. No local invitations will be sent, but all friends and family are invited to attend.

Kinston Elementary School to hold parent orientation meeting

Kinston Elementary School will have a parent orientation meeting for students in grades K-6 on Aug. 1 at 6:30 p.m. Parents are encouraged to bring school supplies and to take care of fees including lunch money at this meeting. Parents will meet in their child's classroom. Classroom assignments will be posted on the doors of the elementary school on the afternoon of July 31.

Sen. Dial to speak at Summer commencement Ceremony at TSU

State Sen. Gerald Dial will serve as the speaker at Troy State University's summer commencement ceremony Aug. 4 at Sartain Hall.

The ceremony is scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m. Approximately 220 students are scheduled to receive degrees. This graduating class also includes the first 12 graduates of the acclaimed executive master of business administration program taught via distance education to employees of the HealthSouth Corporation.

Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr., Chancellor of the Troy State University System, said, "Dr. Hawkins said, 'His leadership and vision have been instrumental in the strides we have made over the past decade. We are looking forward to this special day of celebration for the university.'"

Sen. Dial, a native of Delta, is serving his seventh term in the Legislature, having served two terms in the House and four terms in the Senate. He holds degrees from both Livingston State and Jacksonville State universities, and has done graduate work at Auburn University.

Sen. Dial, a self-employed real estate developer, and his wife, Faye, are the parents of two children: Melanie and Jason.



Mr. Johnson & Miss Rhoades

Rhoades-Johnson wedding planned for September 16th

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rhoades of Kinston announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Tiffany Shae Rhoades, to Kiep Je Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rene Johnson of Opp.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Ernestine Rhoades and the late Carlton Rhoades of Kinston, and Mr. and Mrs. Bowden Sessions of Samson.

She is a 1999 graduate of Kinston High School and attends LBW Community Band. She is currently employed in Opp.

The prospective groom is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hattaway of Opp and Dora Wall and the late Mr. and Mrs. Max Johnson, all of Pensacola, Fla.

He is a 1998 graduate of Opp High School and attends Douglas MacArthur State Technical College in Opp where he will graduate with a degree in drafting and design technology. He is currently employed in Opp.

The wedding is scheduled for six o'clock in the evening on Saturday, Sept. 16, 2000, at Ino Baptist Church. No local invitations will be sent, but all friends and family are invited to attend.

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ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Rev. John L. Baxter, Pastor Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.	Rev. John L. Baxter, Pastor Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.
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FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:30 p.m.	John L. Crayter, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:30 p.m.
FATH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH Danny Sherrer, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.	Danny Sherrer, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.
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ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.	Bernard Strickland, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.
ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.	Randy Neal, Minister Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.
ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.	Wesley, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.
BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Sam Totten, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.	Rev. Sam Totten, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.
BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH Darryl Caldwell, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Class: 7:30 p.m.	Allen Richards, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.
BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH Libert Smith, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.	Libert Smith, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.
BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH Robert Davis, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.	Robert Davis, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.
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DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. William Frank, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.<	

COMMUNITY

.....Summer 4-H Happenings.....



JUNIOR BAKED FOODS WINNERS. Winners in Junior Baked Foods Exhibit at the Dothan District 4-H Roundup were (left to right): 1st Place - Jessica Pearlstein, Pike County; 2nd Place - Jonathan C. Tharpe, Dale County; 3rd Place - Erica Lewis, Zion Chapel.



JUNIOR EGG DEMONSTRATION WINNERS. Winners in the Junior Division Egg Demonstration at the Dothan District 4-H Roundup were: 1st Place - Casey East, Pike County; 2nd Place - Charles Shreeve, Houston County; 3rd Place - Brittany Thompson, Zion Chapel. Pictured with the winners is Jane Brewer (left) representing the Alabama Egg and Poultry Associations, sponsors of the event.



4-H SENIOR DISTRICT LIVESTOCK JUDGING WINNERS. The senior livestock judging team placed first at district competition and will compete at state in Auburn. Members of this team are from left: Joe Pendleton, Andy Waddell, Ashley Green, Ann Scheffer, Kendall Amis and Christine Whitaker.



4-H AND FFA HOG SHOW JUNIOR WINNERS. Nine to thirteen year old winners from Coffee County, at the recent county and area hog show are from left: Gary Henderson, Greg Patterson, Josh Driver, Mark Windham and Jeremy Driver.



4-H JUNIOR DISTRICT LIVESTOCK JUDGING WINNERS. The junior livestock judging team placed third at district competition. Members of this team were: Layton Griffin, Drew Donaldson, Brandon Griswald, Gary Henderson, Jacob Pendleton, Keri Hobbs, Daniel Kelley, Ashley Besock, Adam Crosby, Chelsey Hollis, Mark Windham, Josh Driver, Will McMillan and Heath Hollis.



4-H AND FFA HOG SHOW SENIOR WINNERS. Fourteen and over winners from Coffee County at the recent county and area hog show are from left: Eric Bradshaw, Joseph Strickland, Mark Windham and LeAnn Griffin.



4-H AND FFA COUNTY GRAND CHAMPION. Representing his brother, Matt, Mark Windham is shown with the Grand Champion plaque for winning the Coffee County 4-H and FFA hog show. Mark stood in for Matt while he was taking the ACT exam.

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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

The City of Elba is seeking applications from individuals who are interested in the position of Animal Control Officer. The position involves field, minor administrative and custodial work in enforcing ordinances relating to animals and their care. The work involves responsibility for operating and maintaining the city animal shelter. It also involves responsibility for catching and confining stray, diseased or injured animals and the final disposition of them. A very special fortune is required for some of these required dispositions. The officer must investigate complaints, complete police offense reports and swear out warrants when necessary to enforce the ordinance.

Applicants must have:

- Considerable knowledge of human animal collection, care and disposal methods and practices.
 - Working knowledge of the City animal control ordinance.
 - Ability to deal courteously and firmly with the general public.
 - Ability to operate a light truck.
 - Working knowledge of the geography of the city.
 - Ability to humanely apprehend animals, including some of a vicious nature.
- QUALIFICATIONS:**
- Graduation from high school or equivalent.
 - Experience involving meeting and dealing with the public.
 - Experience in the care of animals to clearly demonstrate that an applicant is qualified to carry out the responsibilities of this position.
 - A valid Alabama driver's license with a clear MVR.
- Selected applicant must be able to report for work within twenty (20) minutes of being called.
- Starting salary is negotiable depending upon experience. Applicant is subject to both drug screening and background check.

This position will be filled mid to late August, 2000.

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Area News



Coffee County students attend 4-H Congress at Auburn University

For many 4-Hers, State Congress is the ending of one year and the beginning of another. Youth age 14 to 19 who have placed first or second in competitive events on the district level are eligible to compete on the state level. This year's State Congress was held on the campus of Auburn University. The theme was "Exploration 2000 - Choose Health."

The participants from Coffee County were (left to right): Christine Whitaker, New Brockton; Kristal Keller, Enterprise; Ann Scheffer, New Brockton; Leslie Allison, Enterprise; Devin Kelley, New Brockton; Heather Carroll, New Brockton; Matt Windham, New Brockton; Andy Waddell, Elba. Not pictured are: Kendall Amis, Enterprise; Sarah Maddox, Zion Chapel; Rebecca Lawrence, Enterprise; Joel Pendleton, Harford. The county agents with this group were Stan Windham and Angela Hughes.

The next judging team placed first and will be going to national competition in Kansas City, Mo. This team consisted of Sarah Maddox, Josh Motley, Shawn Howell, Matt Windham and Katy Roberts.

The livestock judging team placed first and will go to Louisville, Ky. for national competition. The members of this team were: Christine Whitaker, Ann Scheffer, Andy Waddell, Kendall Amis and Ashley Green.

The clothing judging team, coached by Rachel Carroll, also placed first. These team members were Rebecca Lawrence, Heather Carroll and Leslie Allison.

Matt Windham placed third in woodworking demonstration. Kristal Keller placed third in electric demonstration. Joel Pendleton placed third in the informative public speaking.

ATFA Coffee County Chapter planned

Members of the Alabama TREASURE Forest Association are now working in Coffee County to form an ATFA Coffee County Chapter. The ATFA members are stewardship-minded men and women dedicated to improving the forestlands of the state and nation. Both landowners and non-landowners can join and help build a sense of community where they can exchange ideas and share experience.

The ATFA brings together neighbors who have a common desire to utilize the forests responsibly so they will be available for future generations. Forestland concerns include wildlife habitat, pine and hardwood timber resources, clean water, recreation opportunities and beautiful scenery.

ATFA members are encouraged to develop their own interests such as timber, wildlife, camping, hunting, fishing, hiking, photography, bird watching or tree identification. Some of the members are active in public education to help bring the classroom out into the forest so the next generation of Alabamians will learn to appreciate the forests.

There will be an organizational meeting at 7 p.m. on July 27. The meeting will be held in the Community Room of the Fann Center in New Brockton. For more information on how to become a part of this movement, please call Neal or Elizabeth Adkison at 347-3025.



Taking a break from Alabama Governor's School activities at Samford University are, from left, Amanda Beerenstrauch and Valerie Moore, both of Elba; Tiffany Day of Kinston; and Cammie Kelley of Elba.

Area students experience Alabama Governor's School

Several Coffee County residents were chosen to participate in the 2000 session of Alabama Governor's School (AGS) at Samford University June 18-30. A total of 95 students from 68 high schools in 31 counties attended the two week honors program for high school seniors.

Participants included: Amanda Beerenstrauch, Elba High School, daughter of Arnold and Shelia Beerenstrauch; Cammie Kelley, Elba High School, daughter of Jerry and Theresa Kelley; Valerie Moore, Elba High School, daughter of Rachel and Valerie Moore; and Tiffany Day, Kinston High School, daughter of Eddie and Danna Day.

AGS participants received college level experience in academics, creativity and leadership. Each student selected major and minor areas of coursework. Subjects included such topics as healthcare, the legal process, urban geography, Southern culture, the environment and interior design. Students also attended a Birmingham Barons baseball game and an Alabama Shakespeare Festival production in Montgomery.

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SPORTS

For upcoming prep football season

Region alignment will create new rivalries

The 2000 high school football season will kick off in just over four weeks, and when it does there will be a number of new gridiron rivalries due to the Alabama High School Athletic Association's change to a regional set-up.

The AHSAA divided the state's high schools into areas in years past, with the top two teams from each area making the playoffs. This year, however, the state's schools will be divided into regions for the football season, with the top four teams in each region making the post-season play.

The Elba Tigers competed in one of the state's easier areas in the past two years and posted back-to-back area titles over Clayton and Slocumb. This year, Elba will be a member of Class 3A, Region 1, and will join Flomaton, Gulf Shores, Laverne, W.S. Neal and Washington County to make up the six-team region.

Laverne posted two state championships in the decade of the 1990's and has to be considered the team to beat in the newly aligned region, while W.S. Neal has also been a consistent playoff participant, and Elba is looking to return to its championship form of the past. Gulf Shores will be in its first season of varsity competition, but should be loaded with athletes, while Flomaton and Washington County have been long time winners in West Alabama.

The region drawing perhaps the most area interest will be Class 1A, Region 2, where Kinston, Zion Chapel and Brantley will join with four other schools to form a very competitive seven-team region. The Brantley Bulldogs placed second in the state a year ago and should be headed back to the playoffs again this season, while Kinston has a new coach in Gary Glass and hopes are high that the Coffee County "Dawgs" can finally find the winning combination. Zion Chapel struggled last season and was forced to forfeit a game due to a lack of players, but the Rebels have appeared to be headed to the Jack campus. The other teams in the region with the trio of local teams include Arton, Florida, G.W. Long and Pleasant Home, with G.W. Long being the best of the rest.

Another very competitive region will be in Class 2A, Region 2, where the New Brockton Gamecocks will join with seven area teams to make up a big eight-team region. The Gamecocks will lead the leadership of new coach Shannon Clark, and the new coach has the Gamecocks fans looking forward to a winning season. That will be no easy task, however, as the Gamecocks will be joined by Cottonwood, Geneva County, Houston Academy, Houston County, Samson, Slocumb and Wicksburg. Houston Academy and Samson may have a hard time finding many wins in such a tough group, but the remainder of the teams should all be capable of winning on any given night, against any opponent.

The following is a list of regions with local interest:

CLASS 2A
Region 2
Cottonwood
Geneva County
Houston County
New Brockton
Samson
Slocumb
Wicksburg

Region 3
Clayton
Georgiana
Goshen
Highland Home
Red Level
St. Jude
Straughn

CLASS 3A
Region 1
Elba
Flomaton
Gulf Shores
Laverne
W.S. Neal
Washington County

Region 2
Alabama Christian
Calhoun
Dadeville
Lafayette
Lanett
Montgomery Academy
Pike County

CLASS 4A
Region 1
Andalusia
Clarke County

CLASS 2A
Region 2
Ashford
Bullock County
Dale County
Geneva
Headland
Rehobeth

CLASS 3A
Region 2
Carroll, Ozark
Greenville
Hillcrest, Evergreen
Charles Henderson
Monroe County
Southside, Selma
Wilcox Central

CLASS 4A
Region 3
Autumn
Central, Phenix City
Dothan
Enterprise
Northview
Opelika
Smiths Station

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Region 4
Carver, Montgomery
Jeff Davis
Sidney Lanier
R.E. Lee
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McKinnon named top defensive player of the 90s in GSC

In the 1990s, no conference dominated football the way the Gulf South Conference did, winning four national championships (Jacksonville State - 1992, North Alabama, 1993-95) in five championship game appearances. The Conference honored the players that helped establish that reputation last week when it named its "Football Team of the 1990's," as chosen by a panel of GSC Sports Information Directors from current and former conference schools.

Among the accolades of GSC players in the 1990s:

2. Harlon Hill, winners and eight others that finished among the finalists:

*17 First Team All-Americans elected by the College Sports

Information Directors of America:

*28 First Team All-Americans as selected by the Associated Press and the American Football Coaches Association;

Of the 35 players who made the GSC Team of the 1990s, nine went on to play in the National Football League, including two who were in the starting line-ups at the end of the 1999 season, and 11 who were honored four years ago when the Conference presented its Team of the Quarter Century.

North Alabama, the winningest team in the decade (87-31-1), including an unprecedented three national championships, leads the team with 17 selections, while Valdosta State followed with five Other schools with players on the

honored team include Southern Arkansas (3), Central Arkansas (2), Henderson State (2), West Georgia (2), Arkansas Tech (1), Delta State (1), West Alabama (1) and Jacksonville State (1).

USA linebacker Ronald McKinnon, a Harlon Hill winner (1995), heads up the defense. McKinnon capped his collegiate career by not only becoming the first defensive

player to win the Harlon Hill trophy, but also becoming only the second player to receive back-to-back GSC Defensive Player of the Year honors. He was also the third player in conference history to earn All-GSC honors for four straight years, and is now a starting linebacker for the Arizona Cardinals, of the NFL.

Youth urged to register for upcoming Tri-County Football League season

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation has announced that "Youth Football Registration" will continue through Friday, July 28, for boys participating in Midget, Tee-ball, and Pee Wee leagues. Football registration will be held at this time due to the Tri-County Youth Football League beginning practice in August, and to insure that all players receive properly fitted equipment. All players that complete football registration during the registration period will be placed on a team.

Registration is \$20 for the first child and \$15 for each additional child, and will be accepted at the Elba Recreation Office located at 764 North Clanton Avenue, in Elba. Football players that have not participated in the league before are asked to bring a copy of their birth certificate. For additional information call the Elba Recreation Department office at 897-6833.

Boys ages 7-8 before August 1, 2000, will be placed in the Midget League, while boys ages 9-10 before August 1 will be in the Tee-ball League, and boys ages 11-12 before August 1 will compete in the Pee Wee League.

Other teams in the Tri-County Youth Football League include Opp, Andalusia, Red Level, Straughn, New Brockton and Florida.

Cheerleader registration to continue through July in Elba for girls ages 7-12

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation has announced that registration for cheerleaders for the Tri-County Youth Football League will continue through Friday, July 28. Cheerleader registration will be held at this time to help parents and sponsors order cheerleader uniforms and equipment for the squads, and to insure the squads are prepared at the first game of the season. The season will begin in September, and it is very important that everyone register now.

Girls ages 7-8 before August 1 will cheer in the Midget League, while girls ages 9-10 will cheer in the Tee-ball League, and girls ages 11-12 will cheer in the Pee Wee League. Registration is \$10 per person and will be taken at the Elba Recreation office at 764 North Clanton Avenue, in Elba. Parents will be notified of a parents meeting and the dates of the cheerleader camp for registered cheerleaders. A t-shirt size will be taken at registration for a shirt to be worn at the cheerleader clinic.

For more information call the Elba Recreation office at 897-6833.

Clayhatchee to host softball tourney

The Town of Clayhatchee will be sponsoring a Men's Class C and Below softball tournament on Saturday, August 5, at the Clayhatchee ballpark. Cost to enter is \$100 per team, and each team will hit its own softballs. A five home-run rule will apply, with the deadline to enter being August 3 at 6:00 PM. For more information call 598-4321.

Soccer tryouts in Opp for club team

A new soccer team is forming in Opp and needs players ages 9-11. The team will travel to other towns to play games. Tryouts will be on July 28, and for more information call Rick Hatcher at 493-3411.

NEXT WEEK....

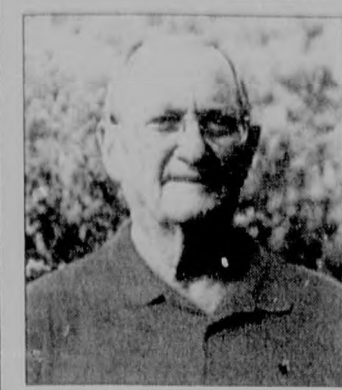
A PEEK AT THIS YEAR'S HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SCHEDULES

Farm News

The Lowdown on Gardening

by Bernie Cobb
Garden Columnist

The Lowdown on Blossom-End Rot



I get a sick feeling in the pit of my stomach whenever I walk into the garden, see an absolutely beautiful, ripe, red tomato, then find that ugly, black, sunken, leathery scar on the bottom. That evil dark splotch is the trademark of blossom-end rot in tomatoes.

Fortunately, blossom-end rot isn't quite as devastating as some diseases your tomatoes could get. Many times only a few of your fruit will get it. Even those plants that produce fruit with BER, as I'll call it, might still produce tomatoes that are perfectly all right.

If you are growing thousands of tomatoes, though, like Joe Powell over at The Pea Patch on the Geneva Highway, and a large portion of your crop has to be discarded because of blossom-end rot, it sure can convince you that it's a devastating malady.

Richard Petcher of the Coffee County Extension Service tells me that this is a timely topic because many local area gardeners have had to combat blossom-end rot this year. The severe drought we've had is a likely contributor, I believe.

Actually, BER is not a disease. It's a physiological disorder usually caused by an insufficient amount of calcium taken up by the plant. That doesn't always mean there isn't enough calcium in your soil. It could mean that irregular watering habits have not enabled enough calcium to be taken up by the plant. We must assume two main causes of BER — insufficient availability of calcium and/or insufficient regular water supply.

This is yet another reason why we should get a soil test and lime our garden sites if necessary. During periods of drought like we have been experiencing, we must also provide a balanced supply of moisture. Tomatoes need about 1 1/2" of water per week on a regular basis

during dry periods. Don't go for several days without watering, then try to "catch up" all at one time. This bad habit can also cause severe cracking of fruit.

I think too little calcium and this drought has had a lot to do with our problems," Powell laments, "and it hurt our second crop quite a bit. But, I think we've got it under control somewhat, by spraying our young plants with a water-soluble calcium solution."

My gardening friend Ted Vining, always the innovator, tells me he once saw a tip and took it to heart. Now, he sprays his tomato plants with skim milk. Oooskoo!

Some other things you might want to do is to keep your soil pH between 6.0 and 6.5. Fertilize properly. Overfertilizing, especially with too much nitrogen, could lead to

BER. Use mulch to help retain moisture and keep the soil cooler. Be conscientious in maintaining a regular and adequate water supply. Lime, if necessary, according to a soil test. Spray young plants two or three times a week with a calcium nitrate or calcium chloride solution at the rate of four teaspoons per gallon of water. Skim milk, anyone?

Plant different varieties and keep a record on how well they do. Some varieties seem to ward off BER better than others, although I have had plants in the past that got BER while other plants of the same variety in the same row did not. You figure that one out.

It doesn't take much water stress or calcium deficiency to cause the cells of a tomato to break down at the blossom end of the fruit. Result: Blossom-end rot. What a pity.



Blossom-End Rot has visited Jerry Boblitz in his New Brockton home garden before, as recorded in this file photo. Boblitz, who has become more well-known in recent months for his backsewing prowess than for growing prize tomatoes, shows here what once appeared to be a promising, luscious tomato. Alas, as he turned it over there was the sickening sight — a big black splotch on the bottom side of the fruit. Being a good gardener — in fact, a graduate of the Florida Cooperative Extension System's Master Gardener's Program — Jerry knew what he had to do and saved a large portion of his tomato crop.

National Security Group declares cash dividend

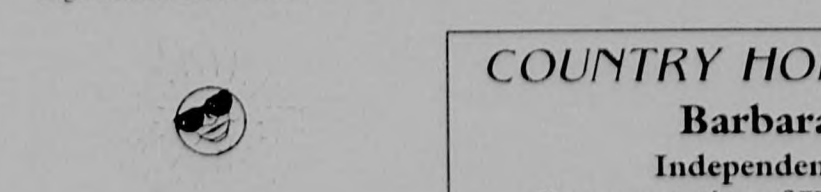
The Board of Directors of the National Security Group, Inc., declared a quarterly dividend of \$2.21 per share at its meeting on July 22. This represents an annual indicated dividend rate of \$8.84 per share. This cash dividend is payable on Aug. 31 to shareholders of record Aug. 7.

SouthTrust declares cash dividend for second quarter

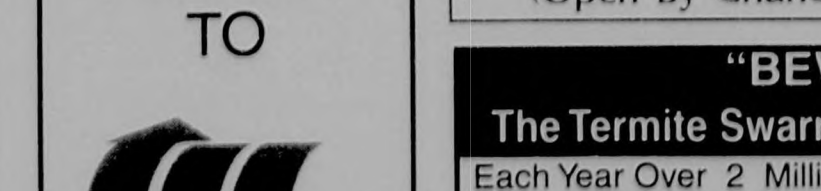
At its second quarter meeting recently, SouthTrust Corporation's board of directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$2.25 per share, a 14 percent increase over the \$2.22 paid last year. The dividend is payable Oct. 2, 2000, to stockholders of record at the close of business Aug. 25.



STATE FFA WINNER...Britt Joseph Grimes, member of the Elba FFA Chapter, placed first in the Turf Management Proficiency Awards Program. Britt was honored recently during the State FFA Convention in Montgomery, where he received cash award, chapter banner, plaque and a certificate from the national FFA Foundation. Pictured with Britt is his FFA advisor and instructor of Agriscience Technology Education at Elba High School, Jacob Davis.



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FFA banquet honors Senior officers

The first annual FFA banquet was held in the commons area at Elba High School. The area was decorated with a large array of balloons, streamers and flowers in the FFA colors of yellow and blue. Members, guests, and parents enjoyed a delicious BBQ meal catered by Kelly's BBQ of Elba.

Shanna Tillis presided over the banquet, welcoming the guests. She recognized the chapter for reaching many goals and achievements for the year. She thanked the community members for giving of their time freely. Bradley Bowers gave the invocation. Britt Grimes called the roll of the officers. Each officer's duties were explained. Other officers were recognized as treasurer, Jeremy Sasser, sentinel, Job Bowers, and reporter, Jimbo Cook. All members quoted the FFA motto as "To practice brotherhood, honor agricultural opportunities and responsibility and develop these qualities of leadership, which an FFA member should possess. Dennis Busby, guest speaker from the Kinston FFA chapter gave a dynamic speech entitled, "Dedication to Farming."

Proficiency awards were awarded for exploratory and job entry experiences in related areas of interest as follows: Britt Grimes, Turf Grass Management; Shanna Tillis, Agricultural Sales and Service; Bradley Bowers, Home and Community Development; and Jeremy Sasser, Agricultural Processing.

Career Development events were recognized for chapter competition at the New Brockton Farm Center between Coffee County Schools. The forestry team received second place in the county. Team members were: Bradley Bowers, Jimbo Cook, Jeremy Sasser, Britt Grimes, Brooks Creel, Jere Burkett, Lowayne Parks, Garret Bowers, Hunter Branch, Bart Barnes, and Jason Curran. The livestock team was: Carson Waters, Shay Johnson.

Brent Bowers, Jesse Holloway and Vaughan Boyd. The land judging team took second place. Their team included: Shanna Tillis, Racann McCollough, Dustin Stinson, Brandon Salter, Melissa Grantham, Blake Lambert, Todd Simmons, and Lee Strickland. Tractor driving competitors were Job Bowers and Andy Waddall. Public speaking participant was Jeremy Sasser.

The Greenhand FFA degrees, which are given bronze pins, were presented to Justin Allen, Candace Anderson, Bart Barnes, Chris Brunson, Josh Burke, Chris Byfield, Jason Curran, Cherelle Edwards, Kyle English, Trent Farris, Jesse Holloway, Blake Lambert, Colby Skinner, Mathews Williams and Jere Burkett. The next degree, the Silver pin of the FFA chapter degree was presented to Richard Boutwell. Brent Bowers, Dustin McCollough, and Jason Curran were presented with the State FFA Management Proficiency Award.



Retiring officer plaques were presented to the Senior FFA officers at the annual FFA banquet. These officers, pictured left to right, are: Britt Grimes, vice president; Shanna Tillis, president; Bradley Bowers, secretary; with Jacob Davis, advisor. Mr. Davis presented Shanna with the Dekalb Agriculture Leadership Award, while Bradley and Britt received the R.S. Jones Award for Dedication. These three senior officers served their chapter as officers for the past four years.

Don't forget about houseplants while on vacation

by Angela Hughes
County Extension Agent

It's early morning and time to leave for that much-desired vacation. The kids are ready and the car is finally packed. You double-check the doors and get in the car, praising yourself that everything is on schedule. But wait, did you remember to take care of your houseplants? Coming home to a house of dead plants can put a damper on any vacation.

Houseplants need attention before you leave for vacation. The following tips will help ensure your houseplants survive while you are on vacation.

Check for insects and treat for potential pest problems. Also, thoroughly water plants.

Try not to change the plant's environment. For example, don't close all blinds if the plants are used to having them open all day.

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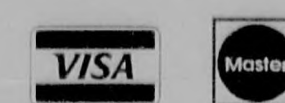
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Community News



NEW CENTER OPENS... The New Hope Senior Citizens Center held its grand opening celebration on Sunday, July 23, with several local citizens and political officials on hand. A ribbon cutting was held symbolizing the official opening of the center. Both Representative Terry Spicer and Senator Jimmy Holley were present for the ceremony, and each expressed his joy in being a part of such a wonderful accomplishment for the county and the senior citizens of the New Hope community. They each also commended the Coffee County Commission for its part in making this new center a reality. Rep. Spicer said it is the goal of local officials to continue to build senior centers, like this one, in all parts of Coffee County so all senior citizens can benefit from them. The senior centers serve as a gathering spot for individuals to not only enjoy meals, but to socialize and enjoy one another's company. After Sunday's ribbon cutting, everyone in attendance enjoyed refreshments while they socialized inside the new center.

BOE

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at Troy State.

Recommended as new hires by Weeks were Nancy Clark and Amelia Rhoades as English teachers in the high school.

Millie McCollough was hired as a 1st grade elementary teacher.

Jo Linda Farris will work in the high school lunchroom full time. She had been working as a substitute and Carmen Blenn was hired as a regular school bus driver. She had been serving as a substitute.

Both Rhoades and McCollough were hired subject to getting an official release from the Coffee County School System. Both were long time teachers at Kinston.

The Board approved declaring an "emergency hire" to replace elementary teacher Gina Price and two aides.

Weeks reported that work on the new elementary school band room was progressing and he expected to be using the building by late September or early October.

The Elementary playground will be ready for students, Weeks said, thanks to the dedication of PTO members, staff members and community volunteers.

The board approved the wording on the new principal's contract authorized by the Alabama legislature. Any principal hired after July 1, 2000 must enter into a contract with the board. They do not earn tenure.

The superintendent presented board members with a report on the proposed new Alternative Adult High School Diploma and noted the issue is still being discussed statewide. This will allow students who pass their required classes, but fail the graduation exam, to receive the graduate exam if their parents give written approval.

The board also approved the Code of Conduct for students in the Elba school system.

WATER

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charge with an average monthly consumption of 5,000 gallons at \$18.50.

Due to the proposed budget, Rural Development raised the average monthly residential water bill to \$20.80 considering 5,000 gallons as the average consumption. The minimum monthly water bill was raised to \$11.80.

"These are a little bit higher than what we wanted," said Paulk. "But considering all of the other systems around us and in our immediate area, it's still cheaper than any of the rest of them."

He told commissioners that while the grant application is being processed, the CCWA is going to have to begin advertising in local papers that the grant is being applied for and the sign-up period. The estimated cost of this advertisement is between \$4,000 and \$5,000.

"We (CCWA) don't have any money as you well know," said Paulk. "So I'd ask that the county loan us this money until such time as we do receive the grant and at that time we can pay it back to the county."

The application has to be in by Oct. 1, 2000 and the earlier the better. The commission approved the request made by Paulk.

County Engineer Tindell gave the commissioners some good news concerning funding for resurfacing

projects.

"At the last meeting, we talked about having applied for additional funds - extra funds (grants). I'm glad to report that we did receive those funds," said Tindell.

He read from three letters from the head of the Alabama Department of Transportation which informed the commission that three separate amounts of "extra" funds would be forthcoming to be used by the county highway department in resurfacing projects.

1.) \$172,000 in extra federal aid funds will be designated for funding the resurfacing of Co. Rd. 321, 2.) \$219,000 will be used to resurface Co. Rd. 460; and finally, \$198,000 will fund the resurfacing of Co. Rds. 409, 412 and 201.

The letters stated that all of these funds were granted at the request of State Senator Jimmy Holley.

"We do want to express our appreciation to Sen. Holley for going to bat for us," said Tindell. "This is going to be tremendous boost for the Coffee County Highway Department... we're very proud to get these extra funds."

The commissioner chairman, along with the other commissioners, was quick to commend Tindell and his staff for having plans ready to go in preparation for obtaining these "extra funds." Tindell in turn commended his staff.

These resurfacing projects are all

scheduled to start in October and November.

Finally, he requested permission to send out bids for motorgrader blades and road stabilization materials. Approval was given by the commission to do so.

County Administrator Wilson Mobley reported that the seals for the cooler and refrigerator in the county jail are in and will be replaced today (Monday).

He also commended Commissioner Linda Westbrook for her recent completion of the County Commissioner's College. State law requires first-time commissioners to complete 50 hours of training within the first two years of their term. Westbrook, along with the other first-time commissioners, completed this requirement; however, she went on to take additional training which was optional and has "graduated" after completing the complete course.

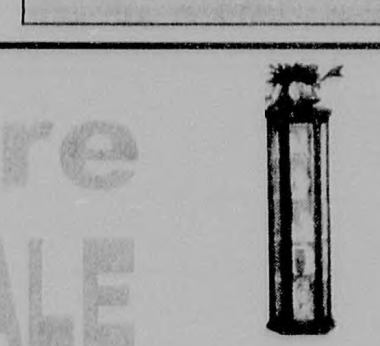
At the request of Chairman Lewis, the van driver's hours at the New Hope Senior Citizens Center were increased from 19 hour per week to 25 due to the increased number of in-home meals that have to be delivered. This request was amended by Commissioner Robert Stephens to include all drivers for the county's other senior citizens centers should it be necessary to do so on a per-need basis.

Crafters Expo 2000 to be held July 29 and 30 in Dothan

The Crafters Expo 2000 Fine Art and Craft Show/Sale will be held Saturday, July 29, and Sunday, July 30, at the Houston County Farm Center in Dothan. The event will be held from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Sunday.

Works to include hand-crafted fine furniture, oil paintings, glass works, woodworking, candles, specialty soaps, hand-crafted jewelry, Southwest are and much more. Admission will be \$3 and children under 12 are admitted for free. There will be a \$1 discount for two cans of dog, cat or people food or a new or used readable children's book.

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has been under development since

April, 1999. Members of the nine member committee, appointed by Mayor James Grimes, are Marlon Brownson, Dick Chaney, Mackey Driggers, James Grimes, Jimmy Harrison, Betsy Martin, Van McCall, Kaye Whitworth and Ronnie Young.

The committee reviewed and documented goals on the various aspects of the community, dividing the assets and needs into about a dozen categories.

Council members were asked to review the plan and be prepared to vote on adopting it within the next few weeks. Chaney recommended the city appoint an oversight committee to continually update the plan, thus keeping an up-to-date five-year plan.

At the recommendation of the city attorney, the council amended the Animal Control Officer ordinance (dog catcher) to put the office directly under the chief of police. It also authorized the increase from \$5 to \$7.50 the daily charge for keeping an animal in the dog pound.

The dog catcher has been working under the police department for years, this amendment was to bring city ordinances in line with a practice which officials felt was working and should be continued.

The council awarded a construction

bid to Hughes and Blackmon to erect a 39,000 square foot speculative building in the Elba Industrial Park. The low bid of Hughes and Blackmon was \$302,550. Three other bids ranged upward to \$482,684. The building will prepare Elba to move fast when an industrial prospect is looking for available buildings in which to locate an industry.

The council appointed Herby McCall as election manager for the upcoming municipal elections and approved a list of poll officials to conduct the elections.

City Clerk Donnie Morrow reported that the ongoing sewer project is getting closer to completion. He also noted that the city has received a bill from the Army Corp of Engineers in the amount of \$6,531.78 as the balance of the city's share of the levee repair, which included the installation of the flap gates at all outlets.

Morrow added that the Choc-Pea Watershed Authority has agreed to fund \$2,500 of this cost.

"The storm drain project is moving well," Morrow said. "The work on Martin Luther King Drive is going smoothly and the Putnam Street segment is almost complete."

After hearing all reports and taking care of the agenda's business, the council adjourned until its next meeting.

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